Auto Loader acquired by Paradip Phosphates Limited

7469. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paradip Phosphates Limited has acquired AUTO LOADER' for the purpose of bagging and despatching of fertilizers produced and imported therein;

(b) if so, when was it purchased and whether it has been installed for the purpose it has been purchased; and

(c) if not, reasons and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Supplies of 4 Auto Rail Loaders and 4 Auto Truck Loaders were completed by April 1987. It has not been possible to install these equipments because of resistance from the department workmen engaged in the bagging plant.

Introducing Mid-day Meals in Schools

7470. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Win the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to finance the State Governments to introduce mid day meal in schools in the entire country;

(b) if so, whether it is proposal to be started from the 1995-96 academic year; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to participate in the phased expansion of the mid-day meals Schemes being implemented by the State Governments. The modalities for implementation are being worked out by a Committee headed by the Union Education Secretary.

Amenities to Chairman, Lalit Kala Academy

7471. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of appointing authority of the Chairman, Lalit Kala Academy and such other Academies;

(b) what is their tenure and facilities provided to them; and

(c) whether the Chairman holds the honorary status or are paid ones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) The Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi and Sangeet Natak Akademi are appointed by the President of India. In case of Sahitya Akademi its Chairman is elected by the General Council on the recommendation of the Executive Board. In all cases, the appointment is made for a period of five years. The Chairman, Lalit Kala Akademi is provided with a staff car with Driver, official Telephone, a full time Private Secretary and a Peon. In case of Sahitya Akademi, he is provided with Staff car and Office Telephone whenever he is in Delhi. The present Chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi is permanently stationed at Bombay. Supporting staff like Private Secretary/Jamadar are avail-able to him whenever he is in Delhi.

(c) The Chairpersons of all the three Akademies have an honorary status.